

# Aged care assessment—palliative care phase, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Aged care assessment palliative care phase
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	775226
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Aged Care</a> , Standard 30/06/2023
<b>Definition:</b>	The phase of palliative care recorded at the commencement of the aged care episode or during an aged care assessment, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Aged care assessment—palliative care phase</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Palliative care phase code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Stable
	2	Unstable
	3	Deteriorating
	4	Terminal
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	97	Not applicable
	98	Unknown/unable to be determined
	99	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

The palliative care phase is the stage of the palliative care patient's illness.

**CODE 1 Stable**

Patient problems and symptoms are adequately controlled by an established plan of care and:

- further interventions to maintain symptom control and quality of life have been planned and
- family/carer situation is relatively stable and no new issues are apparent.

**CODE 2 Unstable**

An urgent change in the plan of emergency treatment is required because:

- the patient experiences a new problem that was not anticipated in the existing plan of care, and/or
- the patient experiences a rapid increase in the severity of a current problem; and/or
- the family/ carers circumstances change suddenly impacting on patient care.

**CODE 3 Deteriorating**

The care plan is addressing anticipated needs but requires periodic review because:

- the patient's overall functional status is declining and
- the patient experiences a gradual worsening of an existing problem and/or
- the patient experiences a new but anticipated problem and/or
- the family/carers experience gradual worsening distress that impacts on the patient care.

**CODE 4 Terminal**

Death is likely within days.

**CODE 97 Not applicable**

This code is used where the assessment does not include palliative care phase or it is not required in relation to the aged care episode.

**CODE 98 Unknown/unable to be determined**

This code applies when the phase of the illness has not been reported

Palliative care phases are not sequential and a patient may move back and forth between phases.

**CODE 99 Not stated/inadequately described**

This code applies where the setting is not stated or inadequately described. This code is not to be used on primary collection forms.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Department of Health and Aged Care

**Origin:** Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration 2014. Palliative care outcomes collaboration: Clinical manual. Wollongong: University of Wollongong.

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** The phase of palliative care is to be recorded for each residential aged care episode a person receives.

Palliative care phases are not necessarily sequential and a patient may transit back and forth between phases. Palliative care phases provide a clinical indication of the type of care required and have been shown to correlate strongly with survival within longitudinal prospective studies.

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**Submitting organisation:** Department of Health and Aged Care

**Reference documents:** [AN-ACC resources | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care](#). Viewed 9 January 2023, <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/an-acc-resources>

## Relational attributes

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Aged care assessment cluster](#)  
[Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023

***Conditional obligation:***

For the Aged Care NMDS, this data element is conditional on code 4 being selected for [Aged care assessment—assessment type, code N\[N\]](#).